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Welcome and Introductions:

James Christie began the meetings with a welcome and a quick introduction regarding his hope for the Council to address the need for a comprehensive review of our statutes and by-laws and to achieve a resulting document to be as close to one mind as possible. He also reminded Council of the importance of the Facilitating Group's discussion to be held on Friday.

Jim Christie brought greetings from Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, the former Foreign Minister of Canada and now, an honorary president of the Movement.

Thanks were offered on behalf of the Council to the International Secretariat (IS) for all the work they have done to host and plan the meetings.

Condolences:

Condolences were read for the passing of:

Glyn Berry	Bruce Ritchie
Richard Hudson	Medard Rwelamira
Gil Jonas	Sumi Yukawa
Tatsuo Miyake	

At the request of councilors, condolences were also extended for:

Lucille Green	Al Williams
Louis Sohn	Glen Olds
Everett Refior	Robert Meyers
Rodolfo Pilar	

A moment of silence was observed.

Proxies:

The issue of proxies was raised and the following were presented to Tony Fleming of the CNSC:

Franz Micklinghoff gave his proxy to Paul Berendsen
Ken Kostyo gave his proxy to Ton Máčel
Guido Montani gave his proxy to Lucio Levi
Erich Schultz gave his proxy to John Sutter
Knut Berdal gave his proxy to Kjartan Almenning

Approval of Agenda and 2005 Council Minutes:

Rolf Haegler requested that the agenda be amended to allow discussion on Congress to be moved to first thing on Saturday morning at 9am. With this change, the agenda was approved.

Jim Christie asked that the 2005 Council minutes be circulated for approval, the minutes were declared adopted as printed.

Election of CNSC Chair

Jim Christie explained that due to Martin Hagvall's resignation, the EC felt it critical to ensure continued leadership for the CNSC committee. Tony Fleming has been acting as chair since the April EC meetings but the EC asked the Council to ratify his position so Tony can continue to serve until the next Council meeting. The decision was taken.

Council Chair Report

Jim Christie felt it important to offer reflections on review of our governance, to ensure we model the principle we hold dear. He shared and echoed some observations from Bill and others that there is a mood of discouragement, a fairly dark and melancholy mood around the world. We have to commit to generations of working toward peace. It is a time ripe for world federalism. We must extend our appreciation to the IS, the CICC, those working on R2P, and great statesman like Axworthy. We owe a great deal to those who sit in this room and those who have sat in this room before us. We must continue to work and wait for the opportunity to come.

President's Report

Lois Wilson arrived and extended her apologies for being late. She shared her thoughts on the crisis with North Korea, that is has used the nuclear leverage to say to the US "We're here! Please talk to us." It is better to talk and negotiate than to use bombs. Lois offered that perhaps the only solution to the Korean peninsula crisis is a truly federalist one. It will require some patience but the World Federalist Movement must continue the work.

International Secretariat (IS) Report

Jim Christie shared that the meeting in New York affords an opportunity to look at the work of the IS. It reminds us that there has been a sea of change in the Movement that has built on our work since 1947. The Council's challenge is to rethink the governance structure to develop a far more explicit understanding of the work of the IS. This redefinition of the relationship would allow for the fullest engagement between the IS and members, recognizing that requests must be within the IS's capacity.

Zoya Craig, the Office and Internship Coordinator for the NY office reported on WFM-IGP's internship program.

Nicole Deller, Senior Program Officer for Responsibility to Protect-Engaging Civil Society (R2P-CS) and the emerging Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), presented on the work of both programs. R2P-CS activities in the post-summit phase, have stressed equipping colleagues with proper materials. Organizations around the world have invited the IS as experts to various conferences and R2P-CS has co-sponsored two meetings in Africa. The PBC work grew out of monitoring the PBC which recently had its first country specific meetings in where the IS was able to play a role.

Marion Arnaud, an intern for R2P-CS and PBC, shared about her opportunities at WFM-IGP and her contributions to the projects. Bill Pace reminded Council that during the London Congress, the Canadian government asked if WFM would be willing to look into the R2P principles. WFM is probably the only organization in the world to have full-time staff working on R2P, thus are experts.

Faye Leone presented on the ReformtheUN.org and UN Secretary General Selection (UNSGS) projects. The UNSGS project was a highly collaborative one in which the IS played the role of convener to ensure a more democratic, transparent Secretary-General selection process. With 45 endorsers, 14 of which are core members of the campaign, spent six months encouraging the UN to choose a qualified Secretary-General. Bill Pace noted that WFM Councilor Tony Fleming was one of the most quoted to the media on the process. ReformtheUN.org, Faye explained, is a website based project throughout the 60th session following up on the summit outcome issues. The IS's consensus is that much reform is still needed to be done—and the unfinished reforms are the most contentious. Faye Leone indicated that there has been considerable cooperation with the Center for UN Reform Education on reform issues—the most relevant still being Security Council reform. The IS's position on these reforms remains neutral. Instead, the focus is on transparency of the process.

Lucio Levi added with a constructive attitude, there is another side of the coin: there are important issues not listed on the IS agenda that should be added to it: (1) Security Council Reform, (2) Reform of global economic, financial issues (3) Nuclear Disarmament.

Jim Christie suggested that the Council would assume that this is the prerogative of the sea of change, given the volume of the issues the IS holds. The Council must find new ways for partnerships to emerge between MOs, IMs and the IS. Bill Pace indicated that WFM positions are not clearly stated, and that perhaps the Council at Congress could develop positions on a number of issues mentioned by Lucio. He added there are many groups already working on nuclear non-proliferation.

Rolf Haegler extended his thank to the IS and indicated that he looks forward to coordinating the details of the upcoming Congress with the IS. James Arputharaj seconded Rolf's thanks and then asked that in deference to R2P and PBC, that the IS let MOs know exactly how they can support R2P.

Jim Christie concluded the day's session with four items: Thanks and appreciation to the IS staff for passionate expositions on the work they are doing; a reminder to take along personal items; apologies that the Council Chair's roundtable has been cancelled; and a note of consideration that since 1998 the EC has been meeting once a year in New York to connect with the work of the staff, see first hand their operating principles, etc., and believe now it would be appropriate for logistical reasons, to secure a regular venue or consistent venues for the Council meetings—and he now would hope Council notes the advantages of meeting in New York.

Meeting adjourned.

Friday, October 27, 2006

Announcements

Pascale Bruderer is looking forward to working with WFM on preparations for Congress.

One co-option position is available and should be addressed immediately. John Sutter nominated Tad Daley.

Financial Report

Staci Alziebler discussed the Financial Report. Grants exceeded expectations by \$41,000. Local per diem were higher than anticipated. Overhead and administration costs were re-allocated to administrative costs since not all anticipated grants were received. There was an overage in communications due to upgrading the phone system.

CICC received \$2.7 million in grants and has a surplus of \$1.1 million for the fourth quarter. R2P received two grants, both from new funders. Third quarter will end with a \$94,000 surplus. Overall, there is a surplus of \$1.5 million going into the fourth quarter.

The proposed 2007 budget is \$4 million. Possible changes to the budget will be discussed at the EC meeting in January. The budget was approved unanimously.

Leila Rachidi discussed the grant status for 2006-2008. Currently grant amounts totaled 2006 - \$3.5 million, 2007 - \$2.4 million, 2008 - 0.5 million. The trend is that less people are sending money so WFM must invest more in grant management to accommodate complex demands and look at other ways to expand the fundraising contact database.

Katrina Dorn discussed human resources. A new handbook was created last year with a new maternity leave policy that has already been used. A new medical plan with two HMO plans was added last year. More staff is participating in the 403(b) plan. The staff is very diverse.

Staci Alziebler noted that several MOs and AOs were delinquent in their dues. Bill Pace noted that we are having to deficit fund governance costs because MOs and AOs are not paying dues. John Sutter brought up the issue of Councilors present from MOs that have not paid their dues. Establishing a new policy will be an issue for Congress.

Nominations

WFM Presidency nominations were deferred until later.

Tad Daley was the only proposed nomination for co-option. The CNSC agreed will coordinate a vote at the afternoon session in which he must receive an absolute majority to be elected Councilor.

Discussion on Climate Change Debate

Peter Luff led the discussion on climate change and recommended the creation of a small working group to overlook the changes global warming has on institutional protocols in the world. Jim Christie and Peter suggested the small group be established, including at least one member of the IS, to discuss WFM-IGP's potential role. Bill asked for those interested in working on this type of committee to connect with Lene Schumacher, Peter Luff, or himself and reminded that these ideas need to be put in resolution form in preparation for Congress next year.

IS Staff Reporting

Jim Christie requested an organogram of IS staff and their responsibilities.

Bill Pace gave an update on the Coalition for the International Criminal Court. Eleanor Thompson discussed CICC membership; a network of 2000 organizations and continuing to grow. The CICC project has committed to three major areas: communications/outreach, ratification/implementation, and capacity building among members. Francesca Varda discussed the CICC's key areas of operation. The key mandate is to promote ratification and

ensure the full implementation of the Rome Statute. Anjali Kamat discussed CICC outreach to the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe. Richard Nsanzabaganwa discussed CICC outreach to Sub-Saharan Africa. Wasana Punyasena discussed the legal section of the CICC. Sally Eberhardt discussed CICC communications: media and campaign work. Esti Tambay presented on development and coordination of English language resources. Linda Gueye discussed her work with CICC information services, publications, the website, and translation.

Meeting was adjourned.

Afternoon Session, Friday 27 October

Voting on Co-Option

After the break, Tony Fleming initiated the afternoon session with Tad Daley giving a one-minute presentation of his candidacy. The CNSC collected the ballots to be counted over the break.

Facilitating Group Statutes and By-Laws Revision Discussion

Karen Hamilton led the discussions of the Facilitating Group's report on the Statutes and By-Laws revision. Her summary of the lengthy discussions was as follows:

- ❖ There is a clear and strong desire for accountability and legitimacy in WFM. This desire and commitment is expressed in different ways but one of the primary ways is in the affirmation of WFM as a membership organization in which members, whether MOs, AOs or individual members are participating, functioning, accountable and vital parts of a democratic structure and process.
- ❖ There is a clear desire for more political discussions at meetings. There is a feeling that particularly at the current Council level, too much time is spent on governance and not enough time on the discussion of world federalist issues. A different kind of agenda, structured to allow for that, was mentioned.
- ❖ There is much affirmation of the partnerships and networks developed by the International Secretariat and a clear recognition that the need to continue to develop such partnerships and networks is not only inevitable but desirable. This continuation in the development of partnerships and networks might be both according to the pattern already established by the IS and according to the idea of Associated Program Networks.
- ❖ There is a strong expressed need for on-going and close and supportive relationship between the International Secretariat and MOs and AOs, with some kind of development for MOs and AOs that increases participation sometimes mentioned as an outcome of this relationship. There might perhaps be a liaison officer to facilitate the relationships between the IS and the MOs and AOs. The governance structure must allow for creative ways of the IS and the MOs and AOs to work together.
- ❖ There is clear affirmation of the concept of a co-presidency with concerns raised only in the areas of the logistics and possible costs of such a governance reality and the fact that the term of co-presidents should be in sync with whatever is the senior governance level (one term, the length of a governance term, and renewable once).

- ❖ The principal of the need to balance between effectiveness and efficiency was articulated several times.
- ❖ It was also said several times that there is a need to be careful and precise in articulation of Statutes and By-Laws and in the creation of the two documents. Statutes lay out the 'big picture' of the goals and vision of the organization and By-Laws/Articles are operational.
- ❖ There was much conversation around the concept of individual members and such membership was clearly affirmed as very important to WFM. It was suggested that there might be a separate 'stream' for individual members, a stream of voting rights and accountability that would give them democratic voice but not in any way undermine the democratic voice of MOs and AOs or that would allow people to be somehow represented through a number of WFM streams.
- ❖ The need for translation, in order for people to be truly representational was both mentioned and occurring in this meeting.
- ❖ The concern for the small membership in many MOs and AOs was discussed, particularly in light of the unequivocal affirmation of WFM as a membership organization, as well as a possible structure to expand membership with two members of the Executive working with the staff on strategies.
- ❖ There was clear and strong concern for the finances of WFM, both philosophically and practically, from a number of perspectives. What does it mean to be a membership organization and to strongly affirm being so when such a small percentage of the budget comes from MOs and AOs? It was suggested that WFM develop some long-term financial goals. Should there be a sliding scale for member fees? Council was reminded that MOs and AOs must also fund themselves and their work as well as their fees.

Saturday, 28 October 2006

Congress 2007

Logistics: Rolf Haegler discussed the various options for hosting Congress for in Geneva, with a one day commemoration in Montreux that the Swiss organization will pay for and arrange all the details including transporting Councilors from Geneva. He proposed various locations for the seminar (including the Palais des Nations in Geneva). The more administrative meetings will be organized by, and costs taken care of exclusively by, the WFM. The great concern is for room cost and the need to get a sense of how many people will be in attendance. Bill commented that Lene or he will go to Geneva to finalize the logistics. Jim Christie suggested finalizing the amount of time allotted for Congress since a longer outgoing Council will be needed. Bill questioned that as a matter of expense, could 2 full days for a commemoration and a seminar be afforded? Keith Best suggested a half day for each. Erich Wettstein stressed the need to renew our efforts to attract people, believing a full day in Montreux would be beneficial. Pascale Bruderer commented that Congress must promote WFM to younger people and women.

Congress Dates: The dates were discussed but there was much debate as to when Congress should be held. Keith Best suggested that due to the difficulty to find a consensus, the matter be delegated to the EC to determine the exact dates. Jim Christie suggested the dates be around the time of the Ventotene seminar. A vote was taken and a consensus was reached for around 27-28 August.

Public Seminar: Several themes were suggested for the Public Seminar, including: UN Reform, the UNPA, a common seat for the EU on the Security Council, Article 109 (UN Charter revision), or perhaps using the proximity of the Human Rights Council, inquiring if Louise Arbour could participate. Jim Christie suggested WFM engage the World Council of Churches or others in the international community in Geneva. Tony Fleming suggested it be an opportunity to look back on our Movement to see where World Federalism stands today. Rolf Haegler suggested inquiring if the Holy See could participate in a discussion on religion and UN Reform.

Bill commented that since the hosts are not able to subsidize the Congress, the registration fees will increase. Also, due to logistics, registration will need to be earlier.

Facilitating Group on the Statutes and By-Laws Revision Discussion Re-Cap

Karen Hamilton presented the Council with a summary of the discussion on the Statutes revision that took place on 27 October. The outlook was positive that the Council can move forward as broad themes were proposed from several perspectives. There was consensus for the need for greater accountability, legitimacy, and a clear affirmation of the organization to continue as a member organization. The support for membership can be expanded through partnerships and networks, APNs, local MOs, and the work of IS.

There was a clear affirmation for the concept of a co-presidency, although cautions were raised, particularly for finances and functions for that.

There was discussion around a continued struggle with funding-the reality being that membership dues do not cover basic governance, and thus the need for long term goals.

(For a full report of the discussion, please see the 27 October minutes.)

Jim Christie clarified the bylaw process between now and Congress. The Facilitating Group is to take the next step to create a draft of the Statutes and By-Laws based on the discussion, adhering to the timelines in the existing Statutes and By-Laws. The FG will submit material that will need to be decided upon by Congress 2007. Bill addressed the need for understanding that there cannot be extended fighting but rather there be a willingness to accept and move on if there is clear, open division. Jim Christie concluded that not all will be completed by 2007 since it will be a circular legal process for Statutes and By-laws and gave thanks to Karen Hamilton and Facilitating Group for their assistance.

Lucio Levi presented a joint initiative of WFM, UEF and JEF, to promote the debate on federalist policies and reform from local to global, within the NGO community. It is the hope that this review be promoted and disseminated by the IS and national organizations through documents Lucio Levi will provide, that could eventually promote the campaign to libraries, the UN, and universities.

CNSC Report

Tony Fleming presented the complete report as printed and circulated in packets. There was discussion as to the CNSC decision on Democracia Global. There was much support for the inclusion of the Argentine organization as members. The CNSC reiterated that they are committed to encouraging Democracia Global and look forward to a new application from them in the near future since the choice to defer the decision is to allow the organization to further establish itself.

Ton Máčel raised his concern that the CNSC's responsibilities will be quite different in the next few months and even though there are no vacancies in the committee, he suggested that Pascale Bruderer, who has been a long standing member, rejoin. Jim Christie clarified that the CNSC was designated in London and underwent a formal electoral process in Brussels, but he indicated that perhaps there would be a way for additional people to be adjunct members of the committee.

Tony Fleming discussed the status of INOWF and its unclear leadership. The CNSC has been unable to work with INOWF to determine the legitimacy of their leadership and this represents a decade long concern for the movement. The CNSC tried two more times to reconcile their differences but have received no cooperation from the organization in this regard. At their incoming meeting the EC adopted the CNSC's recommendations to withdraw recognition and is forwarding it to the Council. John Sutter moved to withdraw recognition. Lucy Webster seconded. The motion was carried to withdraw recognition.

Policy Review and Development Committee Report

Lucy Webster presented a brief report from the Policy Review and Development Committee meeting on Wednesday. The Committee wishes to co-opt members Pascale Bruderer, Ton Máčel and Dieter Heinrich to be involved. Lene Schumacher has agreed for the IS to set up a listserv for efficient communication amongst members of the Committee. The IS compilation of proposals for this committee is to be compiled by March. It is the hope of the Committee to create an integrated policy paper of consolidated recommendations on the topic of UN Security Council Reform. In regards to the UN Parliamentary Assembly project, Andreas Bummel has issued a book of proposals, and this will serve as the first document on the listserv. Pascale Bruderer, will write the first document on the topic: federal governance and conceptual relations. James Arputharaj will be working on a policy piece regarding federalism and conflict resolution. The Committee also was looking to see what prior work has been done on the global Marshall Plan concept.

Lucy Webster clarified that the Committee wishes to be self-managing to allow for co-opting that would move items forward. The Committee sought Council's affirmation that their work is of worth to the Movement. Tony Fleming asked that it be clarified that the Committee enabled the IS to move forward on these issues between Congresses, but in terms of development it seems to be replacing committees that meet at Congress. Lucy Webster stressed that the Committee was only wishing to get things going.

Membership Reports

Aaron Knight presented that Citizens for Global Solutions is a very busy active vibrant organization that is still too small to achieve their vision. He clarified the membership numbers: 4,000 households donated, and 30,000 people are engaged as activists on-line.

Peter Luff indicated that One World Trust has a new director. He also announced the Federalist Union's desire to move from Associated to Member Organization status now that they have about 150 members.

Keith Best reported that Association of World Federalists is really not at all active.

Dambar Bir Thapa noted the difficulties World Federalist National Association of Nepal has endured during the tumultuous political climate. However, they have still celebrated UN Day and been able coordinate other activities.

Karen Hamilton presented the work of WFM Canada. WF-Canada has served as part of the Steering Committee for the partnership of networks for the ICSFD, whose 6th meeting will be in Doha, Qatar. Also, WFM-Canada has a new website that is a civil monitoring of complex peace processes: www.peacebuild.ca/powg/POM

Bente Nielsen presented that FN Forbundet remains active locally with a group of young people engaged in Model UN and internationally through partnerships with organizations in Mozambique, Uganda and China.

Pascale Bruderer indicated that for Weltföderalisten der Schweiz that World Citizenship will be the theme of their fall meetings.

Ton Máčel noted that although Ken Kostyo was unable to attend Council due to meetings in Taipei, Wereld Federalisten Beweging Nederland wants to make a web-based compilation of World Federalist documents. Also, WFBN is in the process of rethinking their board for November at a working session.

Martin Hagvall presented for Sveriges Varldsfederalister, that their work is limited to a quarterly magazine that is distributed to members and libraries and covers UN reform activities primarily in Stockholm.

Kjartan Almanning presented for Én Verden that they are increasing membership, but are unable to engage in activities as most work is being done by a few. The work consists primarily of a website monitoring UN reform activities and a series of seminars on the UNSG Selection.

Vijayam Ragunathan circulated the report for South Asian Federalists stressing that the Control Arms Campaign is one of their major issues. They have joined the Million Faces campaign and been engaged with AYC.

Jean Francis Billion presented that the UEF France is at a very different point, having recently signed permanent convention cooperation with European Union, have seen lots of interest in their WFM web publication "Le Torrión" with 11,000 people connecting over past 12 months.

Luigi Giussani presented for Movimento Europeo Federalist that they assisted with the First European Citizens' Convention in Genoa with 400 civil society participants. Nicola Vallinoto shared about MFE's involvement in the upcoming World Social Forum in January, encouraging the IS and others to participate in Nairobi and increase support for campaigns on UN Reform, the CICC, and others.

Rommel Santos Diaz, on behalf of the Fundación Federalista, proposed that WFM adopt formally the Anti-Corruption campaign. Fundación Federalista has been working on this

campaign in the Dominican Republic with much success and believes it is important to incorporate the campaign in the projects that the Movement is addressing.

Francisco Plancarte shared that Planetafilia began a campaign to review the UN Charter, Article 109 and have sent letters to UN and Mexican officials, openly campaigning, hoping to receive continued support from the IS.

Bill Pace indicated that the IS had a discussion about communication and cooperation with the Japanese. He also noted that there are many examples of the IS working in conjunction with several groups, KDUN & Andreas Bummel, En Verden helped with media interviews, ongoing initiatives with UNA Denmark, and WF-Canada in 6-7 areas to cooperate. Fundación Federalista was directly responsible for ratification of the Rome Statute in the Dominican Republic. MOs can be very effective on specific issues.

Akira Takagi presented translations of WFM Japan's recent work, stressing that it took three months to translate the documents. The Japanese Diet adopted WFM Japan's resolution on federalism on 2 August 2005. WFM Japan has worked for fifty years towards this resolution and though it has been a long journey, they have taken a great step forward. It is an important milestone for the growth of World Federalism.

Bill expressed his appreciation for the continued efforts of World Federalists in Japan, congratulating them for their support of Japan's anticipated ratification of the Rome Statute in 2007, which is truly significant. Akira Takagi shared his hope that all the organizations would follow the Japanese successes and take it into the WFM objectives for next year.

Bill deferred to Lucy Webster and the Policy Review and Development Committee to review the resolution in full but expressed that their revisions are deeply respected in the policies of WFM and he expressed hope that WFM can work with parliamentary colleagues to see if similar resolutions can be presented around the world.

Jim Christie concluded that the meeting would end on a positive note with thanks to WFM Japan for such good news and for sharing a very tangible model of the importance of taking long term perspective. He offered his congratulations, best wishes and a desire to see everyone at Congress in Geneva.

Meeting adjourned.